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Re: Response to Samuel Sinyangwe's January 30, 2019 CPRA Request

Dear Mr. Sinyangwe:

This is a response of the City of Palm Springs Police Department to your California Public Records Act ("CPRA") request made via email and received by the Department on January 30, 2019 (herein referred to as the "December 30, 2019 CPRA Request"), requesting the following information:

1. The total number of police use of force incidents, by type of force used, between 2013-2017 (separated by year).
2. The total number of people that police used force against, between 2013-2017 (separated by year).
3. The total number of police use of force complaints reported between 2013-2017 (separated by year).
4. The total number of police use of force complaints sustained between 2013-2017 (separated by year).

Pursuant to the CPRA, the Department is required to inform you whether it will comply with the request or whether the requested documents are subject to an exemption. Please accept this letter as the Department's determination and response pursuant to Government Code section 6253, subdivision (c).

The Department objects to your request on the grounds that it is vague and ambiguous as to the meaning of the phrases "use of force," "use of force incidents," "used force," and "use of force complaints." The Department is committed to meeting its obligation under the CPRA to respond to any records request "that reasonably describes an identifiable record or records" by making such records promptly available. (Gov. Code § 6253, subd. (b).) However, the Department is unable to ascertain the intended meaning of these terms and therefore requires clarification to determine what records and information therefrom may be responsive. The Department is unable to respond fully without such clarification.

Subject to said objection, and without waiving any exemption or further objections that may apply to the records and information sought in your request, the Department will provide you with copies of the Department's reports to the Department of Justice regarding incidents described in Government Code Section 12525.2 for the requested time period, to the extent such reports exist. The Department anticipates providing you with those documents by March 1, 2019. Upon review, if you seek additional information about "use of force", then please contact me directly and I will help you more precisely describe the types of records you are seeking. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or if you would like to discuss.

Very truly yours,

William Hutchinson

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